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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I read your interview that appeared in the 8/1/94 **Broadcasting and Cable** Magazine, where you asked for suggestions from "Broadcasters" on how to better meet the new and expanding needs of the Broadcasting Industry.

As a active "Public Access" Producer, I'm not sure I fall under the "Broadcaster" title, but I do have a suggestion that may improve the quality of Public Access programming and encourage more people to attempt producing TV programs.

Where I live, at least, it is quite evident that the cable companies do not wish to be in Public Access business. What would be more beneficial to access producers, like myself, would be a consortium between the Cable Companies, Television Stations, Television Networks, and possibly other Industry related companies, like, Advertising and Manufacturing.

This consortium would provide the studio, equipment that works, training by people who really know how to use the equipment, and support from people who care about your program and wish to see you do the very best possible. Also, possibly an incentive could be given to industry leaders to encourage them to share their skills with the community.

With the prospect of 500 or more channels in the very near future, the Broadcasting Industry needs to provide a practical, hands on, proving ground for future TV Producers. I graduated with a degree in Television Production and Direction, but it took the hands on experience I get in "Public Access" to feel comfortable in what I am doing.

Sincerely,

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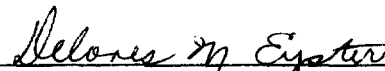
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